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The Honorable Rodney Slater
United States Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Slater:

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The recent signing of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century has great potential to increase competition and provide more travel choices for the residents of Colorado. Under Section 41718 (a), the Department can award up to twelve exemption slots to allow limited frequencies on routes between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and domestic hubs beyond the 1250 mile perimeter rule. We urge you to approve the petition submitted by Denver-based Frontier Airlines for four slots to allow nonstop service to Denver International Airport, which is located outside of the perimeter rule. An award of the slots requested to Frontier would benefit the Denver community, Colorado, cities throughout the west and the future of airline competition.

Frontier is entering its sixth year of operations, as well as its second year of profitability. The airline currently provides air service to 20 major metropolitan cities from its Denver hub, and 16 of these are among the top origin and destination markets as measures by the Department. Direct service to National Airport would add a significant component to Frontier's scope, as well as provide convenient one-stop service to cities served by Frontier beyond Denver.

We hope you will demonstrate your continued support for the future of deregulation by awarding two non-stop daily flights from National Airport to Frontier Airlines. As proponents of open markets and airline competition, we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,